

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Claims 1 - 25 (cancelled)

Claim 26 (currently amended): A method for remote administration of a first smart card of a first user and a second smart card of a second user via a communication network, the method comprising:

associating said first smart card and said second smart card with a remote administrator; ~~and~~

commanding, by the first user, transmission of authorization information from the first smart card to the second smart card; and

transmitting authorization information from said first smart card to said second smart card via the remote administrator and the communication network.

Claim 27 (original): A method according to claim 26 and wherein said authorization information comprises at least one of the following: administrator identification information; authorization to perform a transaction; an electronic-mail message stored in said first smart card; and billing history information.

Claim 28 (original): A method according to claim 26 and wherein said communication network comprises at least one of the following: a local-area-network (LAN); a metropolitan-area-network (MAN); and a wide-area-network (WAN).

Claim 29 (original): A method according to claim 26 and wherein said communication network comprises at least one of the following networks: the Internet; CompuServe; and America-On-Line.

Claims 30 - 34 (cancelled)

Claim 35 (previously presented): A remote administration system for remotely administering a first smart card and a second smart card via a communication network, the system comprising:

a remote administrator operatively associated with said first smart card and said second smart card; and

a transmitter transmitting authorization information from said first smart card to said second smart card via said remote administrator and the communication network.

Claim 36 (previously presented): A remote administration system for remotely administering a first smart card and a second smart card via a communication network, the system comprising:

means for operatively associating first smart card and said second smart card with remote administration means; and

means for transmitting authorization information from said first smart card to said second smart card via said remote administration means and the communication network.

Claim 37 (new): A method according to claim 26 and wherein a first user unit or keypad is attached to the first smart card.

Claim 38 (new): A method according to claim 26 and wherein the first user and the second user are the same user.